

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: BIODEGRADABLE MULTI-BLOCK
CO-POLYMERS

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Examiner: Robert Stockton Jones, Jr.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 26 September 2011, time for response to which was set to expire 26 December 2011. The examined claims, claims 1-23, were rejected.

Applicants appreciate the return phone call from Examiner Jones indicating that it would be permissible to amend claim 1 to require that the copolymer is loaded with a bioactive agent. This amendment has now been proposed.

It is believed that the amendment to the claim and the discussion accompanying it place claims 1-23 and proposed new claim 42 in a position for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.